

State Returns Show Old Time Democratic Majorities

WITTEN CARRIES TAZEWELL COUNTY

Official Vote Gives Him 26 Majority. Buchanan Goes to Looney by Over 200, Assuring His Election.

The official returns of the election in this county Tuesday show that E. H. Witten, Progressive candidate for the legislature, carried the county by twenty-six majority over his Republican opponent, Jno. A. Looney. Looney's majority in Buchanan county is reported to be 203, assuring his election by a safe majority.

Not An Old Time Election.

Tuesday's election had little or no appearance of the election of "old times." It was entirely too quiet. With the exception of small groups of people, mostly from the county, gathered about the door of the voting place, there was nothing to indicate that an election was being held. The vote polled here was light, little or no special effort being made to get out the vote. The Democrats took little interest, being assured of the election of the Democrats on the ticket. The straightout Republicans and the Progressives, between whom the war waged, were very quiet. Each faction seemed to be afraid to stir up the other faction, for fear of precipitating a hard battle which neither faction desired. The Democrats who favored the election of Witten, the Progressive, were equally anxious not to "stir up a hornets nest," and hence went about it in a somewhat subdued manner.

The Facts.

Now, that it is all over facts are apparent. One is, that the Democrats voted for Witten, the Progressive candidate. Some Republicans, too, helped defeat Mr. Looney in this county. The Republicans did not vote, that is, all of them, for Looney. Many of them did not go to the polls. At certain precincts the Republicans were so loyal as to scratch the entire ticket except the name of the Republican candidate. They must have been, and evidently were, "old timers," who still hate everything Democratic, even Henry Stuart. The Bull Moose people failed to show up in any great numbers. If the Roosevelt crowd of last year had stood up and out, Witten would have been elected. Democratic votes gave Witten his showing.

Mr. Looney's majority is pitifully small from a Republican standpoint when other majorities are recalled. Have the Republicans gone where the woodbine twined and the whangdoodle mourned? And then, too, think of it—he was the only Republican elected in the entire ninth district, so far as heard from to date! One lone Republican from the ninth in the legislature!

The wisdom of Judge Graham's suggestion that J. W. Chapman run for the legislature on the Democratic ticket, now appears. If Mr. Chapman had been the candidate against Mr. Looney other words would be written here. Mr. Witten was not anxious to make the race and would not have done so had Mr. Chapman consented. The time may come when the Democrats of the county will carry it in election by aggressive effort instead of waiting to have it handed to them by the Republicans on a silver platter.

Anyhow, it was a quiet, straight fair election so far as heard from. Perhaps the most quiet and the fairest ever held in Tazewell and we all will stand by Mr. Looney and help all we can as he tries to represent our great district in the House. And the wish is here sincerely expressed that he may succeed in making himself the best representative this county ever had.

Fourth From Southwest.

The election of Hon. Henry C. Stuart as Governor of Virginia is a reminder that he is the fourth Governor of the State furnished by Southwest Virginia. Commencing with John Floyd, elected in the year 1830. In the year 1849 his son, John B. Floyd, J. Hoge Tyler in 1894 and Henry C. Stuart in 1913. Within a period covering twenty years Southwest Virginia has given the State four Governors.

The figure of the official

and Looney in this county:

WITTEN.	
Tazewell,	41
North Tazewell,	31
Pocahontas,	13
Graham,	51
Richlands,	50
Cedar Bluff,	7
Burke's Garden,	14
Benbow,	1
Freestone,	13
Falls Mills,	6
Bluestone,	14
Tip Top,	3
Gratton,	3
Total,	247
LOONEY	
Pounding Mill,	47
Liberty Hill,	25
Gap Store,	30
Poor Valley,	16
Baptist Valley,	17
Midway,	22
Thompson Valley,	1
Abbs Valley,	2
Raven,	34
Cove Creek,	8
Dry Fork,	5
Crockett's Cove,	14
Total,	221

The Official Vote for Governor: Stuart, 955; Campbell, 58; Downey, 49, making a total of 1062 votes cast for governor. About 400 citizens declined to vote for either candidate, placing the entire vote cast at about 1400, the combined vote for Witten and Looney.

In The Wrong Crowd.

John L. Litz, of Wise, a brother of the Litz boys of this county, was defeated for the legislature by John W. Chakley, Democrat. It's a pity John L. don't come over to the Democratic party where he belongs.

Old Time Victory.

Returns from the State in the legislative contests in the various counties, show the most sweeping Democratic victory since the days of reconstruction. The Republican representation in the Legislature has been almost completely wiped out.

The Democrats Did it.

The Democrats did it. Did what? Why, gave Witten his vote which beat his opponent in this county 26 majority. If the so-called Progressives had stood up and voted as they did in the Roosevelt campaign Witten would have been elected. The vote for Roosevelt in the county last year was 871. Witten lacked only 181 of polling as many votes in the county as did Roosevelt. This should gratify him much. The Slemp vote last year 1523. Mr. Looney polled not quite one-half this vote.

Congratulations.

Congratulations to Governor Stuart, the Ninth District, the State of Virginia, the State of New York, and the entire nation!

Then And Now.

The town of Graham gave Graham, the Progressive candidate, 25 majority last year. Witten got a majority there on Tuesday of 51.

Card From Mr. Witten.

Personally and on behalf of my brother, E. H. Witten, I wish to thank each man individually who voted for, or in any way supported him. Although defeated we feel proud of the fact that our home county, our home precinct stood by us. Taken in all, the shortness of the campaign, the means at hand, facing such odds as an organization that is older than I am, no one, no matter how biased politically he may be can help but admire the race we have made. We will prove to all our friends that we are as good losers as we are winners. Yours very truly, J. W. WITTEN.

Had to be Pushed Out of Town.

Dr. J. R. Hicks had charge of a party of gentlemen from Cove Creek who came to town last Monday night to attend the meeting of the Masonic Lodge. They came in the doctor's auto car. When they were ready to return about midnight much difficulty was had in getting the machine started. The doctor "cranked" her until he was out of breath, when some one suggested that the machine be pushed to the head of Main Street. Maybe it would run. The engine got behind the foot of the party. The doctor, J. W. Witten, and the party



Governor Henry Carter Stuart

The Church And The State.

Please take notice that the Danville resolution referred to the "politico-religious power of the Catholic church, and not to its Christian creed; for, when you knock the props from under the Catholic church you will destroy all Protestant churches with it.

(Editorial.)

The above clipping is taken from a letter in the Roanoke Times, signed D. A. L. Worrell, which letter is an attempt to justify the resolution offered and passed by the Presbyterian Synod in its recent session in Danville, which condemned the Roman Catholic church for its "pernicious activity" in politics etc. Mr. Worrell, in about a column, attempts to show that the Catholic church is now, and has been from the days of Constantine corrupt, and should be put out of business. The point is, if what Mr. Worrell says be true why will knocking the props from under the Catholic church destroy all Protestant churches? If the Catholic church and Protestant churches rest upon the same "props," then they must be corrupt. If not, how can knocking the props from under one hurt or weaken the other?

Clean Sweep in The Ninth.

In the Ninth district, the one Republican congress district of the State, there is nearly a clean sweep. Buchanan is elected to the State senate from Washington and Smythe. The Democratic nominees are elected in Washington, Smythe, Wythe, Pulaski, Giles and Bland, Lee, Wise and Dickenson, Scott and Russell. This promises well for the next congressional contest. It is to be noted that the stock raising, coal and iron counties give Democratic majorities, some of them the first time in years, despite the new tariff.

We regret that Witten is beaten. He is a Progressive and so near to being a Democrat that it is hard to draw the line; a notably bright, strong and vigorous man, who would have made a place and hearing for himself. We hope to see him come in yet. Wise and Dickenson did a good day's work in sending back Mr. Chakley. He made a strong impression in the last assembly and is a useful, valuable man, a credit to his counties and a good servant of the State.—Roanoke Times.

Pony For Sale

I have a nice, gentle pony that rides and drives well that I will sell at a bargain. Will sell on trial. L. A. Tynes.

TAMMANY LOSES NEW YORK ELECTION

Mitchell, Fusion Candidate, Swept into Office by 100,000 Majority. Legislature is Republican.

New York, Nov. 4.—Fusion carried New York city today, electing John Purroy Mitchell mayor by approximately 75,000 plurality, and retaining control of the important board of estimates, by a safe margin.

Tammany Hall's nominee for the mayoralty, Edward E. McCall, was defeated by one of the biggest pluralities ever against a candidate of the organization, and as late returns came in it looked as if Tammany might not even save the New York county offices. The big vote for Mitchell pulled through by narrower margins the fusion candidates for president of the board of aldermen and comptroller, George McAneney and William A. Prendergast, against whom Independence League as well as Democratic organization candidates were running. Apparently with the exception of assemblymen in the districts, which usually go Democratic, and minor borough offices, the opposition to fusion elected only one of its nominees—Maurice E. Connelly, for borough president of Queens.

Sulzer Vindicated

New York, Nov. 4.—William Sulzer, ousted from the governorship of New York last month by verdict of a high court of impeachment, was elected to the State assembly today from the Sixth district by a sweeping plurality, estimated at 2,000 or more. Sulzer ran on the Progressive ticket and apparently polled more votes than his Republican and Democratic opponents combined. His old neighbors on the East Side rallied strongly to his support and it was early apparent that he had swamped the opposition. There was jubilation unbounded in the former governor's headquarters as the count began to record his victory. Sulzer himself was all smiles. He regarded his triumph as a personal vindication, he said, and issued a statement thanking his supporters and scoring Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, who he declared was condemned by the vote of the district.

"The people of the Sixth as-

sembly district," said Sulzer in his statement, "think better of me than of Mr. Murphy. They know why Murphy removed me from the governorship, they know when Mr. Murphy asked me to do wrong I refused to do wrong; they know when Mr. Murphy tried to bribe me I refused to be bribed; they know when Mr. Murphy threatened me I defied his threats. The votes have condemned Mr. Murphy; reversed the judgment of his high court of infamy and vindicated me by the verdict of the polls which in the last analysis, is the opinion of mankind. "From Mr. Murphy's high court of infamy I appealed to the higher court of public opinion. Mr. Murphy says there was no appeal from his court, but Mr. Murphy was mistaken; and he knows now that the judgment of the people can reverse the judgment of any court."

Letter From an Old Friend.

Gary, Florida, Oct. 27.—Dear Editor: I have just read your letter dated May 2, 1913, a history of your much appreciated paper. I enjoy it, and one thing impressed me most, you have never allowed a whiskey advertisement in your paper. Of course we don't expect religious people do such things, yet how many for the rush of greed, would reason, "I can run my paper without it." You have, why not others.

One favor I ask of you, didn't the Kelly Brothers once edit the same paper? If so what year did they go out? I hope not to ask any more favors unless I can subscribe for your paper. And I must hurry up, before beef goes up to a dollar a pound, for I will have to save my money to buy bread or potatoes, and go out on a beef famine. Surely you editors will be the gainer, you furnish the news for a whole year for such a little compensation that when your neighbors butcher a beef worth two to five hundred dollars, would donate at least a ten pound roast and one pound of good steak. But while the Lord reigns, and that will be through all time, we will have what we need, if we trust him. I am glad to know your townsman F. T. Witten is editing a paper he can make a success if he will.

Many improvements in your town and county are commendable. Your better fairs, good roads and good schools all through the county, better farming than 20 years ago, but I presume that that can be yet much improved upon if you could manage some way to employ at least

half of the one hundred and 75 superintendents at North Tazewell to work you could knock a big hole in business, let it be what it may. What pleases me most and satisfies my longings for years, is the manufacturing spirit that has taken possession of the people. The God given water sites, and the unused money should have been used long ago for the benefit of the poor man, who has been driven to the coal fields and railroad for a living. Never too late to do good, and we are so happy and thankful, the tide has turned right. It does away with so much of that selfish spirit, that me, and my wife, my son and wife, are better than other people. My letter already too long, but I must congratulate the good men, and especially the women in the temperance work. Work on and boost the right to God, and all will end well. A Mothers Friend.

The Victory.

When a party becomes strong enough to rebuke its bosses, and eliminate its grafters, it becomes a light to the world, and a refuge for the people.

We return grateful thanks that the victories of this week are triumphs for the people in every instance from Massachusetts to the Southern and Southwestern limits of Virginia. We rejoice alike in the defeat of Tammany Hall, the Trehy gang in Norfolk, and the Summers machine in Washington county and the Ninth district. They all emphasize the passing of the worst element in politics, and the ascendancy of good citizenship.

We rejoice especially that in our own section of a great State the people are beginning to resent the inefficient leadership, that has been foisted upon them in incompetent and voiceless representatives in the General Assembly.

From New River to Cumberland Gap there is rejoicing, and gratulation, that the ballot is free and party shackles are broken. In every county in the Ninth district save only Buchanan the voice of the people has been raised against the vicious system of party nominations for party purposes.

Beginning in Lee the revolt has spread to Wise and Dickenson, and even in the rock-ribbed, Slemp-shod county of Scott, the people have elected the best man regardless of party dictation. The same in Russell and Giles and all along the main line from Bristol to Pulaski. This is a wonderful and salutary change. Let us hope that the lesson taught by this revolution will convince all leaders that the simple endorsement of a party for party purposes, so far from investing a candidate with prestige, only puts him in the spot light of criticism, exaggerates glaring inefficiencies and subjects him to humiliation, and his constituents to ridicule.

Federal License

Editorials that have been appearing with encouraging regularity in your columns lately on "The Man Who Makes Money Out of It," and other influences of the liquor business so entwined with business and politics of this nation, if continued, are going to "start something."

The thing that our "Uncle Sam" needs to do, and ought to do, is to stop issuing federal licenses in territory where the people have voted out the liquor business, then our State need to follow the lead of the Webb law, and prohibit interstate shipment from wet to dry territory. When such conditions are brought about, then the brewers and distillers cannot use every device for the violation of the law in dry territory; and then hold up, as an example, such violation to other communities who desire to do away with the liquor traffic as proof that laws against the liquor traffic are not effective.

And if Collier's can bring about the stiffening of the backbone of the leading newspapers and business men of this country who recognize this great injustice, and yet who are afraid for business reasons to take a stand in the matter, then Collier's will have accomplished the greatest single reform this country has ever experienced. J. M. Crawford.

Summers Defeated.

There is general rejoicing in Tazewell county, in both political parties over the defeat in Washington and Smythe counties of L. P. Summers for the State Senate. He was beaten by nearly a thousand majority by Hon. E. F. Buchanan. Summers straddling the liquor question is largely responsible for his defeat at the polls.

PUBLIC TO BUILD CEMETERY ROAD

All Men in Corporate Limits Expected to Work a Day or Give Days Work, \$1.50, in Cash.

The ladies of the Tazewell Cemetery Association have inaugurated a movement for building the road to the new cemetery. They have decided on the plan lately adopted by Missouri and other hustling western States, of calling on the people, especially the men, to give a days work, or its equivalent, \$1.50. A canvass of the town was begun yesterday and the prospects are bright for the completion of the road. It is hoped that every able bodied man will give the ladies all help possible, and complete the road in one day. The county is co-operating with the ladies, furnishing machinery, necessary tools, etc. Give the association your money or a day's work and help in the good cause. The association on yesterday gave out the following:

On Wednesday the 12th the supervisors will give rock and material necessary to build the much needed road from the main drain to the cemetery. The town council is having the grading and preparatory work done. If on this day our friends from the county will send their teams and drivers and the gentlemen of the town give their personal labor or its equivalent in hired labor or money, the ladies will furnish something to eat for all partaking in the work, and thus by united efforts, accomplish this work. Now is our chance, we cannot afford to neglect it. Lets be united in our efforts and come or send or give, one and all towards its accomplishment.

Hallowe'en Party.

Burke's Garden, Nov. 4.—A Hallowe'en party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Peery, which has broken the monotony of our quiet life since so many of the young folks left for school.

As the guests arrived at the party they could see from a distance the subdued lights from the "Jack o' Lanterns," whose dimness enshrouded every nook and corner in mystery. The guests were met on the lawn by a tall ghost that beckoned them to the entrance, a black robed figure silently opened the door and mysteriously points them up the stair case, illuminated by a single Jack o' Lantern. When all arrive, our charming hostess, Miss Bessie Peery, led the way to the dining room which was tastefully decorated with corn, golden pumpkins, and rosy cheeked apples and autumn leaves, where all enjoyed very much a shadow pantomime; delightful refreshments were served suggesting the character of the party. Other amusements were indulged in until a late hour. Among those present were: Mrs. J. B. Meek, Misses Fannie Steiger, Dora Meek, Katrina and Nello Gose, Mamie Kelly, Sarah, Lettie, Ida and Mary Belle Moss, Thelma and E. M. Long, Messrs. Charles, George, Oscar, Ben and Vint Moss, Dr. Higginbotham Joe Kelly, Roy John and Bowen Meek, Mr. Robert Moss and son Joseph.

Mr. T. C. Bowen came over in Dr. Kelly's car Sunday after Mrs. Bowen and children who have been enjoying a little visit with homefolks.

Mrs. F. M. Moss accompanied by her father Clinton Barns is visiting in the Cove this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitt are over from Tazewell visiting relatives.

The Misses Dougherty have arrived and have taken charge of their schools—the "Rhudy School" and the "Glade."

Taking Xmas Orders.

Our Mr. Moore will be at the sample rooms of the Jeffersonville hotel November 17th and 18th, taking Christmas orders. Call and see this magnificent line and get prices before placing your Christmas orders.

He will have the finest line of diamonds, watches, jewelry and silverware, etc., ever shown in Tazewell, and beside this all the new things in fads and fancies in silver, gold, etc. Everything fresh and new. Come in and look it over whether you buy or not, he will be glad to see you.

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